

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A transmitting device and a receiving device are coupled via a high-speed serial interface within a computer system. The transmitting device transmits a packet header for a message request transaction that include a message group sub-field that indicates one of a plurality of message groups. The packet header also includes a format field that indicates whether the message request packet includes data. The packet header further includes a message code field to indicate a specific message type.

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